Listing of the Claims:

The following is a listing of all claims in this application, with an indication of the status of each, and a strikethrough and underlining to show changes:

1-6. (Canceled)

1   7. (Currently Amended) A hard copy creation method comprising:

2   recording an image on a recording medium on a side of an image

3   recording surface; and

4   forming a transparent coat layer, having asperities, on a designated

5   area of said image recording surface, wherein the asperities are formed

6   using shape data ~~of~~ describing the asperities, wherein the shape data

7   corresponds to the textures of materials of objects forming said image,

8   <u>wherein said recording step is performed by modulating an image</u>

9   <u>recording unit according to digital image data, and an image obtained by</u>

10   <u>reproducing said digital image data as a visible image is displayed for</u>

11   <u>indication of said designated area, and</u>

12   <u>wherein formation of said transparent coat layer with respect to said</u>

13   <u>designated area is performed according to a result of area extraction by</u>

14   <u>analysis of said digital image data.</u>

1   8-9. (Canceled)

1   10. (Previously Presented) The hard copy creation method according to

2   claim 7,

3   wherein said shape data describing said asperities is created in

4   correspondence with one or more of a texture of metal type material, a

5   texture of resin type material, a texture of cloth type material, and a texture

6   of wood type material.

1   11. (Previously Presented) The hard copy creation method according to

2   claim 7,

3   wherein said shape data describing said asperities has one or more

4   of information concerning a difference of height in said asperities of said

5   transparent coat layer, a formation frequency of said asperities of said

6   transparent coat layer, a formation density of said asperities of said

7   transparent coat layer, a coagulation pattern of said asperities of said

8   transparent coat layer, and a thickness of said transparent coat layer.

12-19. (Canceled)